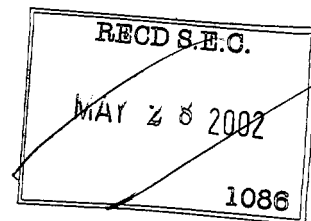


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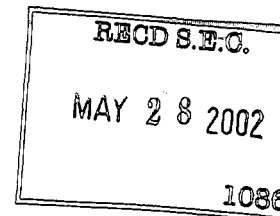
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



For the Month of October 2001

HSBC Holdings plc

10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6AE, England



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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes ☐No ☒

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82- **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By: 

Name: P A Stafford

Title: Senior Assistant Secretary

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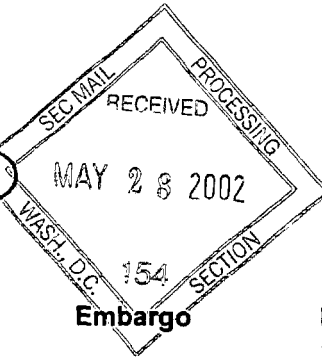
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HSBC ACQUIRES PROPERTY VISION

Property Vision, the UK's market leading consultancy for property buyers, has become a member of the HSBC Group.

HSBC Republic Bank (UK) Limited has acquired Property Vision which, following completion adjustments, will have approximately £0.5 million net asset value. HSBC's and Property Vision's clients share similar profiles and financial needs. The acquisition will enhance HSBC Republic Bank's property advisory operation and enable Property Vision to expand its business as part of a large and international financial services group. Property Vision will continue to serve its existing clients and will retain its brand name and offices.

Property Vision was co-founded in 1983 by Willie Gething and Charlie Ellingworth. Today the business employs 32 staff, who have a detailed knowledge of this specialised market, from offices in London and near Newbury, Berkshire. They advise on the purchase of property for their clients from £400,000 upwards and negotiated on the purchase of £200 million worth of property last year.

Willie Gething, joint founder and managing director of Property Vision, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for Property Vision. Joining HSBC provides a springboard to develop our business while continuing to advise our existing client base."

Marcus Gregson, chief executive of HSBC Republic Bank (UK) Limited, said: "Willie and Charlie have built a very successful firm with a terrific reputation in the market place. The purchase of this business creates opportunities to develop new and value-added services for our private banking customers in the UK and overseas."

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Notes to editors

1. HSBC Republic

The HSBC Group's flagship international private banking brand, HSBC Republic employs over 3,300 staff and provides private banking and trustee services to high net worth individuals and their families through 33 locations in the Americas, the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and the Middle East. It had client assets under management in excess of US\$145 billion at 30 June 2001.

2. HSBC Holdings plc

With some 6,500 offices in 78 countries and territories and assets of US\$692 billion at 30 June 2001, the HSBC Group is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organisations.

ends

1 October 2001

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS, STERLING
OR HONG KONG DOLLARS**

On 6 August 2001, the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc declared a first interim dividend for 2001 of US\$0.19 per ordinary share. The dividend is payable on 9 October 2001 to shareholders on the Principal Register or Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register at close of business on 24 August 2001 in cash in US dollars, sterling or Hong Kong dollars, or a combination of these currencies and with a scrip dividend alternative.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, shareholders on the Principal Register will automatically receive dividends in sterling. Shareholders on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register will automatically receive dividends in Hong Kong dollars.

Dividends payable in cash in sterling or Hong Kong dollars will be converted from US dollars at the forward exchange rates quoted by HSBC Bank plc in London at 11.00 am on 1 October 2001 (US\$1 = HK\$7.7981 and £1 = US\$1.4761). Accordingly, the amount payable on 9 October 2001 will be:

US\$0.19 per share;
approximately HK\$1.481639 per share or;
approximately £0.128717 per share.

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